

NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

A Deer Visitor—A story coming from Seattle, Washington, says that one day last week a grown doe, apparently very hungry, dropped into a backyard in the suburbs, helped herself to a tub of feed set out for the family cow, and then left on the run for the woods before anyone could stop her.

Serve Friend's Sentence—Arthur Davenport was sentenced to a term in the Kansas penitentiary as a result of State hospital scandals, and his close friend, C. F. Fields, has been worrying Governor Capper constantly for weeks seeking to serve his friend's time for him. The Governor denied the request.

Aerial Coast Patrol—Plans for an aerial patrol of the long and irregular coast lines of the United States are being worked out as a logical means of national defense. A commission headed by a famous navigator is now working on details and seeking to arrive at the coast, to present to Congress.

Can't Quit Mexico—The opinion is freely voiced by persons with an intimate knowledge of Mexico, that the United States troops can never leave the southern republic until order is restored and a stable government organized there. Those who advance this idea believe that Villa will never be caught, and that to withdraw without doing something would destroy American prestige.

Divorce Contagious—S. T. Jocelyn, noted divorce judge of Sedgewick County, Kansas, says that divorce is a contagious disease, and in support of his theory submits tabulated statistics to show that seven-eighths of the witnesses in cases in which divorces are sought, are themselves divorcees. He says that one-half of the divorce cases that have come before him as the result of contagion. That the plaintiff (most always the woman) has been directly influenced in her course by other divorcees.

More Nations in War—A writer in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch styling himself "Neutral Observer," predicts that within a short time Holland and Roumania will butt into the war on the side of the allies, and that Sweden and possibly Spain will join the German allies. He says that the British government has for some time been anticipating a drive into Holland which would throw that country into the conflict.

Oil in Post Holes—Post holes dug near Richmond, Ky., were found to be soon filled with a high grade of crude oil. Other holes dug to a depth of four feet farther on were likewise filled with oil. A noted geologist says that he believes the section to be underlaid with a rich oil pool.

Fifty-Nine Years' Service—When a ten-year-old boy, before the civil war, Taylor Parkman was given a job as car driver for the Southern Railway construction gang at Birmingham. When emancipation came he just stayed on, and was recently awarded a loyalty medal by the head of the company.

Negro Vote—Louisiana is considerably agitated over the making of the negro voting question an issue in that State's gubernatorial campaign. The Progressive candidate is an avowed advocate of negro votes. Should the Louisiana nigger again be allowed to vote the entire political aspect of that State will be changed.

State Insurance—A campaign for State insurance is being waged in Kansas, and bills are being drawn for presentation to the next Legislature. Should the matter carry, the State will offer life, fire, and tornado insurance to the public on a plan similar to that in vogue in England.

Zeppelin Raid—German aircraft made their twenty-second raid on the east English coast last Friday night, and by dropping bombs killed 18 and injured 44 non-combatants. British gunfire brought one of the five Zeppelins into the Thames River, where the crew was captured. The damaged airship broke up and sank.

Crop Prospects—Rains of last week and the first part of this week have been general over Texas and Oklahoma and have undoubtedly benefited growing crops immensely. Reports from every Texas county and most Oklahoma counties sent to the Dallas News are very encouraging to all.

Raided Swiss Town—German airmen last week raided the Swiss town of Porrentruy in Switzerland, killing several people. The Swiss government has demanded of Germany a complete reparation and the punishment of the airman who committed the deed.

James Burrill Angwell—President emeritus of the University of Michigan, and one of the most noted educators in the United States, died at his home at Ann Arbor, Mich., Saturday, at the advanced age of 86.

Brutality Charged—Commissioner of Charities W. D. Matthews has issued an ultimatum to Mayor Overholzer of Oklahoma City in which he demands the immediate dismissal of the chief of police and a dozen policemen, whom his investigations have shown have been cruel and inhuman in their treatment of prisoners. Third degree methods of a shocking brutality are charged. The Commissioner will bring oner suits if the Mayor fails to act.

Make Rock Roads—Mayes County, on the Jefferson Highway route, has already completed five miles of rock roads and will build a rock route across the county to complete their end of the highway. In addition to this, other rock roads will cross the county in all directions, all passing through Pryor, the county seat. Several road gangs are kept busy at the work.

Oil Lease Money—Bayne County farm owners will receive this year \$750,000 from the sale of oil leases on their property. According to dispatches from Stillwater, leases in that county sell all the way from one to ninety dollars an acre. One quarter section was known to have sold for \$150,000. Fourteen of the largest oil companies in the State are drilling on leases in that county.

Confirm Brandies—In the United States Senate the Judiciary Sub-Committee voted three to two to confirm the nomination of Louis D. Brandies, the eminent Boston attorney, for member of the United States Supreme Court. This probably means confirmation. The Brandies case is the first in history where an open investigation has been made of a nominee for the Supreme Court.

Paris Post Office—The United States Senate passed a bill appropriating \$200,000 to erect a new Federal building at Paris, Texas, to replace the one destroyed by the fire that wiped half of that city off of the map two weeks ago.

Save Waste Paper—The U. S. Department of Commerce is out with a bulletin urging the saving of rags and all waste paper of all kinds. There are manufactured in the U. S. each day 15,000 tons of paper. Much of this having served its purpose can be re-used in the making of some sort of paper. Manufacturers are now facing a great shortage of raw materials and the result is soaring prices on all kinds of paper. Old rags and papers will soon be worth money.

Negro Segregation—Oklahoma City now has a negro segregation ordinance, which provides that no negroes may build homes, churches or schools in any ward in the city which is seventy-five per cent white. The idea is to get the negroes to living and having their churches and their schools in their own districts. The leading negroes of the city have already agreed that the move will benefit their race.

Producers Waive Protests—It is stated this week at the office of State Auditor E. B. Howard that about 15 per cent of the oil producers of Oklahoma have waived their protests on gross production taxes paid in, and more than \$150,000 of this tax money has been released so far and paid over to the State Treasurer by the State Auditor. It is now thought that practically all of the producers will waive their protests, in consideration of the tax refund on the royalty interest and that the revenues of the State will be gained by approximately \$1,000,000 as a result of the withdrawal.

Beer Intoxicating Drink—Beer is specifically denominated an "intoxicating drink" in the Indian appropriation bill as amended in the Senate. Until the change was made, no one supposed that beer was not intoxicating. It developed, however, that in connection with the introducing of liquors into the old Indian Territory part of the State, attempts had been made to show that beer was a beverage and not an intoxicant, and in one or two instances the attempts were successful.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head—Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, Inc.

State Surplus—The State's indirect revenues, such as fees from corporations, auto tax, and gross tax on oil production, gives indication of exceeding the revenue of last year by \$600,000. If it does, it will go far ahead of the State Board of Equalization's estimate, and the State general revenue fund will show a surplus, as against a deficit, which has been the rule.

Defends Record of Congress—In a statement given out early in the week Hon. Champ Clark, Speaker of the House of Representatives, replied to criticisms that Congress is dawdling in its work. In a characteristic way he denounced such a statement as a "bald and malicious lie", outlined what has been accomplished, and asserted that the present House has worked more steadily and industriously than any within his service of twenty-two years. He also declares decidedly that both houses of Congress are working in perfect harmony with President Wilson at the present time.

Instructions for Lafayette—Pontotoc County last Saturday at its Democratic convention instructed its delegates to the State convention to vote for Lafayette for national committeeman.

Rebuilding Paris—Paris, Texas, will be rebuilt at once. Meetings of civic organizations are being held, and a cooperative movement looking to the rebuilding of the business district with some degree of uniformity is under way.

Capital strike—Forty hodcarriers and laborers employed by contractors for the state capitol building walked out Monday. The granite cutters struck a week ago. The contractors say that they will be able to complete the job on time, nevertheless.

Packing Business—Oklahoma packing houses report that the March business as to hogs was the largest in the history of the packing industry in Oklahoma. At Oklahoma City, 84,375 head of hogs were handled.

Gasoline Substitute—Two Pittsburgh, Pa., men claim to have discovered a substitute for gasoline, and allege that it can be produced and sold at six cents a gallon. They assert that the new fluid will serve every purpose now served by gasoline.

Raid Scotland—A hostile Zeppelin raided several coast towns in Scotland last Sunday, dropping many bombs. Five persons were killed, a score wounded and much property destroyed. This is the first raid on Scotland.

Dallas Bank First—The Dallas Regional Reserve has earned the highest rate of dividends of all the regional banks, the rate being 4 per cent, as announced this week. The Richmond bank comes second, with dividends of 3.66 per cent.

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Investigate Packers—Committees representing large livestock men have demanded of Congress a thorough investigation of the packing industry and the plan of price-fixing which packers are alleged to be agreed upon. These men assert that former inquiries have been bogus.

County Farm Agent—Fash reports ninety boys enrolled in the club work. These industrious boys will plant and cultivate 115 acres of different crops, as follows: Corn, 50 acres; cotton, 27 acres; peanuts, 23; kafir corn, 6. Twenty-six of the boys have joined the Pig club.

Also six girls have joined the Agricultural club. Three of the girls joined the Corn and Pig clubs, and three of them the Cotton club.

These boys and girls are located in the vicinity of the following towns: Mead, Kiersey, Durant, Blue, Bokchito, Bennington, Boswell, Banty, Jackson, Albany, Calera, Caddo, Armstrong, and Silo.

Tuesday night of last week, W. M. Pettitt, living two miles north of the city, answered to the last summons, his death being due to a complication of diseases. A day before he died he seemed to rally, and those in attendance upon him thought that he was improving. Deceased had lived in his community for many years and bore an enviable reputation among his fellow men. He was past seventy years of age.

LOCAL U. S. MARINE MAKES GOOD

In an official bulletin issued by Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Washington, appears the name of Fred L. Wann, of Bennington, this county, as having qualified as a marksman in that most interesting branch of the government service.

Fred, who is the son of George C. Wann, of Bennington, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at its Fort Smith, Ark., recruiting station on November 13, 1915, and is now serving with the expeditionary forces of marines landed in Haiti for the protection of American interests in that war-torn little isle.

Considering the fact that Wann is scarcely more than a recruit, his performance in gunnery is looked upon by Marine Corps officials as little short of marvelous, and they expect him to break many marksman-ship records before his term of enlistment expires.

HARD TIMES FOR BOOZE VENDORS

Jointists and bootleggers in what was formerly Indian Territory, will be about entirely put out of business through an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, adopted at the suggestion of Senator Robert L. Owen, and will greatly facilitate the conviction of whisky sellers in "Indian country." The amendment provides that the mere possession of intoxicating liquor shall be prima facie evidence of its introduction by the person having it in possession.

Under holdings by the Circuit Court of Appeals, possession was not evidence of introducing, but that allegation had to be affirmatively proved, or strongly supported by the evidence tending to show introduction. In actual procedure, the penalty of the law has many times been avoided by the fact that introduction could not be established. Under the Owen amendment the burden of the proof is upon the defendant, or the person found in possession, to show that he did not introduce.

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A MAN WHO CARVES WHEN HE IS LONESOME

An interesting visitor in Durant last week was W. F. S. McCleary, familiarly known as "Lonesome Max, of Toledo." If you happen to meet a man on the street within the next few days talking with the following description, it is Max, who is traveling over the United States seeking contentment. He stands six feet and two and a half inches, has a flowing mustache and the buttons on his clothing are made of hand-carved peach seed.

Lonesome Max is a carver with a knowledge of art that makes his work attractive and interesting. He carries a cane on which are 500 images carved with a penknife. In his pockets he continually carries an assortment of seeds on which are engraved all kinds of animals, spiders, fruits and the like. Imagine spiders and monkeys carved on small cherry seeds, and dogs, turkeys, Indians, and landscapes on poker chips.

Max also has large carvings on wood ranging from 15 inches square to 4 feet by 22 inches in size. These being too bulky to carry around, he has with him photos of them indicative of the originals. Some of the most renowned of these are "The Ascension," "Buffalo Bill," "Thanksgiving," and "Hunter and Pet." He has on exhibition at the Panama-Pacific Exposition a guitar on which he carved most beautiful scenery.

Max does not sell his carvings, but gives them as keepsakes to his friends. He says that whenever he gets lonesome he sits down and carves for contentment, and the reason for his nickname is because he has been lonesome ever since the death of his mother.

Guards Admitted—An amendment has been added to the army bill in the United States Senate, which creates a National Guard division of the general army staff. Much opposition was seen to admitting the National Guard.

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